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Shinichi ITO	)	Parent Group Art Unit: 1762
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1.53(b) Divisional of	)	Parent Examiner: A. Bareford
Application No.: 10/144,028,	)	
filed on May 14, 2002	)	
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Filed: Herewith	)	
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For: METHOD FOR FORMING A	)	
LIQUID FILM ON A SUBSTRATE	)	

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Office the documents listed on the attached PTO form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the above-referenced Divisional application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in prior applications, Application No. 10/144,028, filed May 14, 2002, and Application No. 09/669,725, filed September 26, 2000, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120, or cited by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Office applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

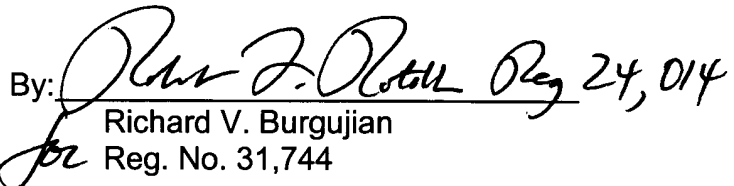
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Respectfully submitted,

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